

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 10/761,429Applicant: HOFFMANNFiled: January 22, 2004

TC/A.U. : 2854

Examiner

Docket No. : 2732-117 Customer No. : 06449 Confirmation No. : 3191

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits herewith information that the Office may wish to consider in examination of the subject application. Materials submitted for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the US patent document listed on the accompanying 1449 are not being furnished in accordance with the August 5, 2003 OG notice of waiver of this requirement.

The relevance of any foreign-language reference for which an English-language translation is cited in the International Search Report.

Respectfully submitted,

By

George R. Repper

Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 31,414

ROTHWELL, FIGG, ERNST & MANBECK, p.c.

Suite 800, 1425 K Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20005 Telephone: (202)783-6040

							Complete if Known						
					Appli	cation	n Number	10/761,429					
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE O STATEMENT BY APPLICANT AUG 1 6 2004						Date	)	January 22, 2004					
						Name	ed Inventor	HOFFMANN					
						p Art	Unit	2854					
							Name						
y What	1	Ī	of 1		Attori	ney D	ocket Number	2732-117					
T-AUCES.							T DOCUMENTS						
			U.S. Pate	ent Docum		Т			.=				
Examiner Initials*	Cite	Number Vir						atentee or Applicant ted Document		Date of Publication of Cited Document			
	No.1				ind Code (if known)						MM-DD-YYYY		
	1	5,819,6	57			F	ROSSINI			10-13-1998			
								-	_				
								-					
		-					<del> </del>			<u> </u>			
		<u> </u>				_							
			••		-								
		<u> </u>		FC	REIGN	PAT	ENT DOCUMEN	TS					
			Foreign I	Patent Doc			1						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Office <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup>					Name of Patentee of Applicant of Cited Document		Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY		Т		
	2	DE 250 448				С	DIETRICH	DIETRICH		10-3-1911			
	3	DE	DE 198 46 033				WINDMOELLER & HOELSCHER		04-13-2000		A		
	4 GB		2 343 732			Α	WINDMOELLER & HOELSCHER		05-17-2000				
	100												
Examiner Signature					•			Date Considered					

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code. <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached. AB indicates that only an English language abstract is attached.